

I hold an Extra class license and operate both CW and phone.

I agree with the ARRL request to upgrade the Novice and Technician class CW privileges to the same level as General class licenses.

I do not agree with reapportionment of the Novice band allocations to increased phone privileges for General, Advanced and Extra classes.

The ARRL proposes that the allocations are needed due to overcrowding. I do not agree that just because the 80 and 40 meter bands are crowded at times that this justifies adding addition valuable spectrum to this mode. There is also adequate spectrum for CW.

I feel that the Commission should set allocate the spectrum to new or experimental modes and/or to other digital modes that are more efficient in their use of spectrum and that are true advancements in state-of-the-art communications.

Respectfully,

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